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# MEDICAID MEMO

**TO:** Enrolled School Divisions, Physicians, Dentists, Health Departments, Community Health Centers, Hospitals, Community Services Boards, Case Managers, Psychologists, and Rehabilitation Centers participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program and Health Maintenance Organizations providing services to Virginia Medicaid recipients

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<b>DATE</b>	01-18-01

**FROM:** Dennis G. Smith, Director  
Department of Medical Assistance Services

**SUBJECT:** School-Based Health Services Recognized by the Department of Medical Assistance Services for Reimbursement

The purpose of this memorandum is to increase awareness among medical providers enrolled with the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) of the school-based health services that DMAS recognizes for reimbursement.

This memorandum is in response to the 1999 General Assembly, which directed that "...a mechanism for informing primary care providers and other case management providers of those school divisions that are participating as Medicaid providers and for identifying such school divisions as Medicaid providers that are available to receive referrals to provide special education health services." [Chapter 967, page 1]

DMAS covers two types of school-based health services under the *State Plan for Medical Assistance Services*. One type of coverage is health services provided to children with special education needs by school divisions enrolled with DMAS. These children have medical conditions which qualify them for special education services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Virginia school divisions are responsible for implementing this Act in their jurisdictions. DMAS covers school-based occupational, physical and speech therapy; skilled nursing care; hearing screenings; psychiatry/psychology services; and the Individual Education Program plan meetings. This coverage is subject to DMAS service limitations. The school divisions may bill up to 35 visits for occupational, physical, and speech therapies before pre-authorization, as allowed by the General Assembly. DMAS is aware that on occasion a child can be receiving at the same time a service from a non-school provider and a school division provider. An example would be physical therapy. The non-school providers and the school divisions are encouraged to coordinate the delivery of services with one another to avoid unnecessary duplication of services and for the best care for the child.

The second type of DMAS covered reimbursable service that can be provided by school divisions is health screenings under the Early and Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program. School divisions billing the screenings have also received funds from the Virginia Department of Education for the establishment of one or more school-based health centers. The school divisions enrolled with DMAS conduct screenings of Medicaid children consistent with the EPSDT periodicity schedule. DMAS does not reimburse school divisions for any diagnostic and treatment services subsequent to the screening.

School-based services covered by DMAS are in addition to the services provided in the DMAS managed care (MEDALLION and Medallion II) coverage. The school-based services are reimbursed by DMAS and not the HMO. When the school division knows that a child has a Medicaid primary care physician, information about Medicaid

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reimbursed school services must be promptly communicated to the physician by the school division. This is applicable even in the event of EPSDT screenings when the results are normal. The name of the child's health plan or primary care provider information can be obtained through the child's eligibility card or through the DMAS Audio Voice Response System (ARS) at 1-800-884-9730 or at 965-9732 in the Richmond area.

DMAS encourages the HMOs, providers of medical services, and the school divisions to develop relationships to ensure that the child has coordinated care and is accessing all the medical resources available to the child.

Attached to this memorandum is a listing of school divisions currently enrolled with DMAS for billing services. The listing notes whether a school division is enrolled for billing selected special education services or EPSDT screenings, or both. The column for school-based psychiatry/psychology services is blank because these are still fairly new services for DMAS reimbursement. The last column shows those areas participating in the DMAS capitated managed care program Medallion II. MEDALLION is the DMAS primary care case management program implemented throughout the state and is not shown on the listing. The listing is subject to change.

For further information on Medicaid covered school services, contact Jeff Nelson at [jnelson@dmass.state.va.us](mailto:jnelson@dmass.state.va.us) or (804) 371-8857.

For further information on the school divisions, contact Amy Edwards at [aedwards@pen.k12.va.us](mailto:aedwards@pen.k12.va.us) or (804) 692-0150.

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#### **HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS**

This Medicaid Memo is provided for information only.

#### **"HELPLINE"**

The "HELPLINE" is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except State holidays, to answer questions. The "HELPLINE" numbers are:

786-6273	Richmond area
1-800-552-8627	All other areas

Please remember that the "HELPLINE" is for provider use only.

Attachment

**SCHOOL DIVISIONS ENROLLED WITH DMAS  
FOR BILLING SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES**

<u>SCHOOL DIVISION:</u>	<u>BILLING SPECIAL EDUCATION</u>					<u>BILLING EPSDT SERVICES</u>	<u>DMAS MEDAL. II AREA</u>
	<u>OT</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>PSYCH</u>	<u>SK. NURS.</u>	<u>SPEECH Th.</u>		
ACCOMACK					✓		✓
ALEXANDRIA	✓	✓		✓	✓		
ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS				✓	✓		
ARLINGTON	✓	✓		✓	✓		
AUGUSTA					✓		
BEDFORD COUNTY AND CITY		✓		✓	✓		
BLAND						✓	
BRISTOL	✓	✓		✓	✓		
BRUNSWICK						✓	✓
BUCKINGHAM	✓				✓		
CAROLINE	✓	✓			✓		✓
CARROLL	✓				✓	✓	
CHARLOTTE	✓						
CHESAPEAKE						✓	✓
CLARKE	✓				✓		
CULPEPER	✓	✓			✓		
DICKENSON	✓			✓	✓	✓	
ESSEX	✓			✓	✓		✓
FAIRFAX COUNTY	✓	✓		✓			
FLOYD					✓		
FRANKLIN COUNTY	✓	✓			✓		
FREDERICK		✓			✓		
FREDERICKSBURG	✓						✓
GLOUCESTER	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
GRAYSON		✓			✓	✓	
HANOVER	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
HENRY				✓	✓	✓	
LUNENBURG						✓	✓
LYNCHBURG	✓			✓	✓		
MANASSAS CITY		✓			✓		
MARTINSVILLE				✓	✓	✓	
MATHEWS	✓	✓			✓		✓
MECKLENBURG						✓	✓
MIDDLESEX		✓		✓	✓		✓
MONTGOMERY	✓			✓		✓	
NEWPORT NEWS	✓			✓		✓	✓

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	<u>OT</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>PSYCH</u>	<u>SK. NURS.</u>	<u>SPEECH Th.</u>		
NORFOLK	✓	✓			✓		✓
PETERSBURG	✓	✓			✓		✓
POQUOSON	✓	✓					✓
PORTSMOUTH				✓		✓	✓
POWHATAN	✓	✓			✓		✓
PRINCE WILLIAM	✓	✓			✓		✓
PULASKI				✓	✓		
RICHMOND CITY				✓		✓	✓
RUSSELL						✓	
SCOTT						✓	
SOUTHAMPTON	✓	✓		✓			✓
SPOTSYLVANIA					✓		✓
STAFFORD		✓			✓		✓
SUFFOLK	✓	✓			✓		✓
TAZEWELL					✓	✓	
VIRGINIA BEACH	✓	✓		✓	✓		
WARREN	✓	✓			✓		✓
WASHINGTON					✓		
WISE				✓	✓	✓	
WILLIAMSBURG-JAMES CITY		✓		✓			✓
WYTHE					✓	✓	

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